

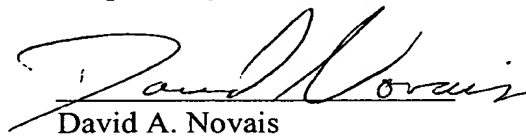
REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present amendment amends each of claims 15, 25 and 35 to set forth that only the image information obtained from the additional information channel is transformed to obtain transformed image information associated with the first channel. The combination of features, including the above feature, as required by each of claims 15, 25 and 35 are not shown or suggested in the applied reference to Edgar et al. '086.

In view of the foregoing comments, it is submitted that the inventions defined by each of claims 15-46 are patentable, and a favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

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